

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 1966

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 14 and 15, 1966 (2)
2. Announce meetings of the Commission for future. (2)
3. Approval of change in dredging site of permit issued to Atlas Construction Co., Inc., on Feb. 15, 1966. (2)
4. Approval of request by T. L. James & Co. to increase dredging depth in reference to their permit to dredge in the Miss. River, left descending bank, near Mereaux, La., St. Bernard Parish. (3)
5. Approval of application by T.L. James & Co. to dredge fill material from the Mississippi River. (4)
6. Ratification of acceptance of bids on restoration and protection of Caillou Lake (Sister Lake) Camp Ground, Terrebonne Parish, La. (5)
7. Ratification of acceptance of bids on additional facilities at Grand Terre Island, Jefferson Parish, La. (6)
8. Application from Atlantic Richfield Co. to State Mineral Board for a geophysical permit covering 17,550 acres of land in east central portion of Marsh Island. (7)
9. Dr. Glasgow's comments on efficiency of geophysical operations. (9)
10. Approval of revised rules and regulations for new acreage proposed for leasing on Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area. (9)
11. Resolution for reimbursement and maintenance agreement on acquisition of Spring Bayou Area. (11)
12. Wildlife display for the La. State Capitol Building. (13)
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14. Joe Herring reports on Deer Kills on Game Management Areas (15)
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MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS

DECEMBER 20, 1966

The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, December 19 and 20, 1966.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday meeting.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, December 20, 1966, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Thompson who stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 14 and 15, 1966.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the reading of the minutes of November 14 and 15, 1966, were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

Chairman Thompson then announced that the next meeting of the Commission would be held on January 24, 1967, in New Orleans and that possibly in early spring some of the meetings will be scheduled in the field.

Chairman Thompson then called on Dr. Lyle St. Amant for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant said that the Commission received a request from Atlas Construction Co., Inc. for modification in their existing permit to change the dredging area. This is apparently needed because sufficient fill material was not located in the original area. Dr. St. Amant said this change has been examined and he could find no objection to this proposal. He recommended the Commission grant this change in permit.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission issued a permit to Atlas Construction Company, on February 15, 1966, to dredge in the Mississippi River, near mile 45 in the vicinity of Bohemia, Louisiana.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval to Atlas Construction Co., Inc. for modification in their existing permit to change the dredging area from Mile 45 to between Miles 47 and 60 above the head of passes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant said a request has also been received from T. L. James & Co., Inc. to increase the dredging depth to a maximum of 100 ft. below mean sea level in reference to their permit to dredge in the Mississippi River, left descending bank, between Miles 87.35 and 88.17 near Mereaux, St. Bernard Parish, La. Dr. St. Amant said that this proposal has been examined and we can find no objection. He recommended that the Commission approve the change in the permit.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission approved a permit to T. L. James & Co., Inc. to dredge in the Mississippi River, left descending bank, central to a point about 87.7 miles above the Head of Passes at Mereaux, La., in St. Bernard Parish, on September 3, 1965.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval to T. L. James & Co., Inc. to

increase dredging depth to a maximum of 100 feet below mean sea level in reference to their permit of September 3, 1965 to dredge in the Mississippi River, left descending bank, between Miles 87.35 and 88.17 near Mereaux, La., St. Bernard Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant said that the Commission has received an application from T. L. James & Co., Inc. to dredge for fill material from the Mississippi River. Dr. St. Amant said that this proposal has been examined and found to be feasible provided certain terms and conditions are agreed upon by the T. L. James & Co., Inc. He recommended that the Commission give approval for the issuance of this permit.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval for the issuance of the permit to T. L. James & Co., Inc. to dredge fill material from the Mississippi River, right descending bank, near Boothville, La., for use in the construction of the Fort Jackson to Venice Highway. This permit is granted for that period of time necessary to complete construction of the highway and it shall terminate upon completion of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called on Dr. Ted Ford for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. Ford said that the Louisiana Department of Public Works has notified the Commission as to the results of the bids received on the restoration and protection of Caillou Lake (Sister Lake) Camp Ground, Terrebonne Parish. Dr. Ford said that the lowest bid received was in the amount of \$18,932.00 from Ayers Materials Company, Inc. of Harvey, La., which is the amount estimated if reef shell is used. It is recommended that the Commission accept the bid of Ayers Materials Co., Inc. with the alternate provision of clam shell rather than reef shell, in the amount of \$18,132.00, and that the action of the Director, dated December 5, 1966, in which he requested the Department of Public Works to prepare the contract for acceptance of the bid, be ratified, and that the Director be authorized to execute said contract.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to Ayers Materials Company, Inc. of

Harvey, Louisiana for the proposed restoration and protection of Caillou Lake (Sister Lake) Camp Ground, Terrebonne Parish, La. Ayers Materials Co., Inc. was the low bidder in the amount of \$18,932.00 and with an alternate bid of \$18,132.00 if the Commission should accept clam shell to be used, rather than reef shell, which it herewith accepts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director, under the date of December 5, 1966, in which he requested the Louisiana Department of Public Works to prepare the contracts be ratified and that he be and is hereby authorized to execute said contract.

Dr. Ford said that the Department of Public Works has also notified the Commission of the bids received for the proposed work on additional facilities at Grand Terre Island, Jefferson Parish, La. The lowest bid received of three bids was \$116,314.22 by Ingram Contractors, Inc. of Harvey, La. Dr. Ford recommended that this bid be accepted and that the action of the Director, dated December 5, 1966, in requesting that the contracts be prepared be ratified and that the Director be authorized to execute the contract for the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works has advertised for bids on the proposed additional facilities at Grand Terre Island, Jefferson Parish, as requested by this Commission and received three bids on the work.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request that the Louisiana Department of Public Works prepare a contract for the low bidder, Ingram Contractors, Inc. of Harvey, La., with the low bid of \$116,314.22 for additional facilities at Grand Terre Island, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director, dated December 5, 1966, be ratified and that he be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Richard Yancey to tell the Commission of the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said that on November 30, 1966, representatives of the State Mineral Board and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission met with representatives of the Atlantic Richfield Company to discuss their application for a geophysical permit covering 17,550 acres of land in the east central portion of the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. Mr. Yancey said that the proposal is that the Mineral Board solicit bids for the sale of the geophysical permit at its February, 1967, meeting. The successful bidder would then have the right to request that three 2,500 acre tracts within the 17,550 acre area be put up for bids at the Mineral Board's lease sale to be held in February, 1968. Past history indicates that the bids for geophysical permits would run about \$10.00 per acre or a total of about \$180,000.00, with one-half of the revenue going to the Russell Sage Foundation and

the other half going into the Commission's Russell Sage account. Mr. Yancey also said that Mr. Larry Benson, Attorney representing the Russell Sage Foundation, indicated by telephone that they would concur in this proposal and that they will advise Mr. Bonnacarrere of the State Mineral Board, directly upon receipt of a letter from Dr. Brim of New York City. Mr. Yancey then recommended that the Commission give approval in this matter.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana State Mineral Board met with Representatives of the Atlantic Richfield Company to discuss the possibility of a geophysical permit for the Atlantic Richfield Company on November 30, 1966.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby give approval to the Louisiana State Mineral Board to solicit for bids for this geophysical permit at its February, 1967, meeting. This permit shall cover 17,550 acres of land in the east central portion of the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. The successful bidder shall have the right to request that three 2,500 acre tracts within the 17,550 acre area to be put up for bids at the Mineral Board's lease sale to be held in February, 1968.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one-half of the revenue shall go to the Russell Sage Foundation and the other half to be deposited in the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's

Russell Sage account, since the original donation of this land was made by the Russell Sage Foundation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. Glasgow then told the Commission of a recent occurrence in connection with a geophysical operation. Dr. Glasgow explained that the office had received a complaint on the geophysical operations on Catahoula Lake. Ten minutes after this complaint was received these operations were stopped and will not resume until after the waterfowl season is over. Dr. Glasgow said that he wanted to point out the fine cooperation rendered and the speed in which it was handled.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Allan Ensminger to tell the Commission of the rules and regulations for the proposed leasing on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area.

Mr. Ensminger said that the State Mineral Board recently received an application to lease 2,800 acres of land on the Pass-a-Loutre Refuge for mineral exploration. Mr. Ensminger then read the proposed regulations and rules to be made a part of any lease awarded by the Mineral Board on the area and recommended that the Commission give approval to the Louisiana State Mineral Board to include same in their advertisement for leases of land on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules and regulations to govern drilling and production operations for gas, oil, and other minerals from and under grounds, located in Plaquemines Parish, known as Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area, and to be made an integral part of any mineral lease granted by the State Mineral Board covering and affecting any or all of said property:

1. No construction work such as dredging, drilling, pipeline installation, pile driving, power lines, or works of a similar nature is to be performed by any mineral lessee or its assigns without prior approval of the Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130. Construction plans must be submitted by the mineral lessee or its assigns to the Director and thirty (30) days will be allowed for study of such plans. In no later than thirty days from the date that plans are received in the office of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, the Director will either approve the plans or recommend whatever adjustments in planning may be considered necessary.
2. All spoil excavated during dredging operations to be placed at the direction of representatives of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.
3. No canals, which are not in use, are to be left open to permit an interchange of water between the marshes and the navigable passes or waterways for more than ten (10) days from June 15 to December 31, of each year. This will necessitate backfilling the canal at the point where it crosses a natural levee when closure is desired. This requirement to be waived by the Commission if a given canal can be encased within a levee suitable in height and size to prohibit an interchange of water between the passes and the marshes. Canals serving dry hole locations or abandon well sites are to be plugged at the point where they leave a natural waterway.

4. No new or additional construction work is to be undertaken during the waterfowl hunting season as fixed by the Commission or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
5. All boat operators shall be required to slow down to a speed of four (4) knots or less when passing any camps or boats located on Pass-a-Loutre.
6. No hunting, firearms, or traps permitted on the leased premises.
7. State pollution laws shall at all times be carefully observed by the operator.

Mr. Herring was then called to the floor to tell the Commission of the resolution on the Acquisition of the Spring Bayou Land, Avoyelles Parish.

Mr. Herring said that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has made a request that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission submit a resolution requesting application for payment on a 50 percent basis for purchase of the Spring Bayou Area, Avoyelles Parish.

Mr. Herring said that in this resolution it is recommended that approval also be given for the maintenance agreement in which the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission shall provide all necessary maintenance for this area.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is interested in acquiring lands or developing outdoor recreational facilities on the following described project for the enjoyment of the citizenry of said Avoyelles Parish and the State of Louisiana.

AND, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission of Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, that said Commission does agree to obligate the funds or services stipulated below to satisfactorily complete the following project and thus become eligible for Land and Water Conservation Fund Act financial aid of 50 percent of the estimated or actual allowable cost, whichever is less, at the completion of said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that such project and funds or services shall be authorized as follows:

Total estimated cost	\$ 823,796.16
Total Estimated Federal Share	\$ 411,898.08
Total Estimated Sponsor's Share	\$ 411,898.08
Sponsor's Cost Breakdown (Services)	\$ 800.00

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is hereby authorized and directed to make applications to the Parks and Recreation Commission of Louisiana to seek federal financial assistance on this project for them and be further authorized to take the necessary action to complete such project; sign the maintenance agreement and the required project agreement.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and plan approved by said Commission be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission of Louisiana, Baton Rouge for the purpose of obtaining such financial aid.

Mr. Herring said that the Commission has received a request from Mr. Jerry Bennett, in charge of the State Capitol and other State buildings. Mr. Bennett asked if the Commission would consider a wildlife display on the top floor of the State Capitol. Mr. Herring said that they contacted Mr. Ambrose Daigre pertaining to the construction of a display. Several ideas were discussed and considered for the display. A swamp type scene showing Louisiana Wildlife and furbearers was decided on as this is what most people come to Louisiana to see. Mr. Herring said that Mr. Bennett stated that an average of 900 people visit the capitol on week days and 1,500 people on weekends and holidays. To construct such a display Mr. Daigre would contract it for \$3,000.00 payable in three installments -- \$1,000.00 at the beginning, \$1,000.00 when the exhibit is half completed and \$1,000.00 upon completion. Mr. Herring said that this proposal would be an excellent opportunity for the Commission to display some of the fine wildlife Louisiana has to offer and recommended that the Commission approve this request.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Bennett, in charge of the State Capitol and other State buildings, has requested the Commission to display a wildlife scene on the top floor of the State Capitol, and

WHEREAS, an average of 900 people visit the capitol on week days and 1,500 people on weekends and holidays.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries

Commission does hereby direct that a contract be entered into with Mr. Ambrose Daigre, one of the best museum display construction experts in the nation, to construct a swamp type scene showing Louisiana wildlife and furbearers. To construct such a display, it is understood that Mr. Daigre will contract it for \$3,000.00 payable in three installments -- \$1,000.00 at the beginning, \$1,000.00 when the exhibit is half completed, and \$1,000.00 upon completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring said that a request has been received from the REA for a right-of-way across the Saline Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring said that Dewey Wills has investigated the possibility and submitted several recommendations and comments to the Commission for approval. Mr. Herring recommended that this right-of-way be granted provided REA agrees to certain stipulations.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant a 40 foot right-of-way to REA in Sections 20, 29 and 32 of T 5 N, R 4 E; Sections 1, 12 and 24 of T 5 N, R 4 E; Sections 35 and 36, T 5 N, R 4 E; Section 6, T 4 N, R 4 E, located on the Saline Wildlife Management Area. This right-of-way is granted provided REA is in agreement with the following stipulations:

1. That a right-of-way be cleared to ground level with a bulldozer.
2. That all trees, shrubs and brush be windrowed and burned.
3. That REA shall pay the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission the market value, on a stumpage basis, for any and all timber damaged or removed in connection with the construction and erection of said electric lines.
4. That the right-of-way in Sections 34, 35 and 36, T 5 N, R 4 E, be confined to the north side of existing road.
5. That REA shall alter and/or remove said electrical lines should they in the future interfere with wildlife management work on the area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then reported to the Commission on the deer kills. Mr. Herring had various graphs showing comparisons of previous year's kills and giving complete explanations on each. This was a report given on all of the game management areas, giving such information as the deer kill on West Bay GMA was 192 buck, 214 doe deer with a total of 406 deer killed. Mr. Herring said that on the male-female ratio harvested, it was approximated to be about even. The biologists estimated that about one-third of the deer on the game management areas could be harvested without harming the population for future harvesting; however, the actual harvest

for this year was about 25 percent on each game management area. Mr. Herring stated that the total calculations for all of the game management areas were 36,520 hunter efforts with 1,017 buck and 1,052 doe deer taken. He said that all in all, it was a very good season and this does not include other game such as squirrel, rabbit, etc. which can also be taken from the game management areas when in season.

Chairman Thompson then said that he would like to give Mr. Ed Kyle the floor for the next introduction.

Mr. Kyle said that he wanted to thank the Commission for both the pleasure and the honor of presenting a plaque to a man who is a fine sportsman and conservationist. Mr. Ray Whatley at the age of 23 was appointed to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, the youngest man ever to serve on the Commission. During Mr. Whatley's nine (9) year term with the Commission he served as both Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Whatley thanked the Commission and said that during his term with the Commission he thinks back and considers that time as good and very educational, even though they had a lot of problems then, as still exist. Mr. Whatley then said that he and his two sons had gone hunting recently. As they were sitting in the marsh waiting for the ducks, four pintails flew up out of the marsh. They were so beautiful, the only thing they could do was to admire them. The boys said, "Look, Daddy, aren't they a beautiful sight."

Mr. Whatley said it was then that he realized the conservation people had done a wonderful job in putting them there. All of their excellent and hard work in preserving and developing the waterfowl grounds were rewarded in seeing this spectacular.

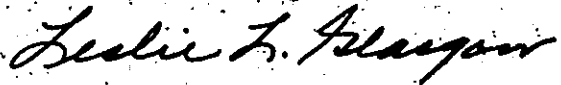
Mr. Whatley stated someone should be commended for seeing to it these ducks are there and continue to return for two more boys in the future to see this beauty. Mr. Whatley then extended Season's Greetings to everyone and again thanked the Commission.

Dr. Glasgow then reported to the Commission, as requested at the meeting of November 15, 1966, on the investigation of charges made against three Wildlife Agents: Sam Nunez, Emile Perez, and Maurice Jeanfreau. Mr. Lester Hutcherson and Mr. O. J. Artherman, trappers from St. Bernard Parish who were present at the November meeting, charged that the Wildlife Agents seized the nutria pelts of another trapper, sold them, and then the Agents were supposed to have split the money for their personal use.

Dr. Glasgow explained that the matter was completely investigated and it was found that these agents handled the case in the usual manner. These animals were trapped in a closed season, therefore, the agents seized the illegal pelts. These pelts were then sold to a dealer by the agents, which is a normal procedure. The check for the goods sold was made payable to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and not to the Wildlife Agents. There was no basis for any charges or claims to be made against the agents and they were completely exonerated.

Chairman Thompson then said that in behalf of all of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, he would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the meeting was adjourned.



Leslie L. Glasgow
Director